of the country, particularly in the metropolitan cities, Government are seriously contemplating a move to make it mandatory for big Government and private buildings and apartments to install rain water harvesting systems;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend any help to those who will install such systems; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to maintain the level of groundwater in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes Sir. With a view to promoting roof top rain water harvesting, the Ministry of Water Resources has proposed to the Ministry of Urban Development to consider enactment of suitable legislation for provision of roof top rain water harvesting for buildings in NCT of Delhi and other cities by the concerned organisation.

(b) Does not arise at this stage.

(c) The steps taken by the Union Government to increase the ground water level in the country include:

(i) Constitution of Central Ground Water Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development.

(ii) Circulation of a Model Bill to all the States/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.

(iii) Circulation of Manual on artificial recharge of ground water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge schemes to check the declining trend in ground water levels.

(iv) Implementation of a Central Sector Scheme on studies in artificial recharge of ground water in some 'over-exploited' and 'Dark' blocks of the country.

Allocation of funds for irrigation projects

4709. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide Rs. 3500 crores to the States for enhancing irrigation potential during the next five years;

(b) if so, the State-wise breakup of the funds to be provided;

(c) the details of major and medium irrigation projects which are under construction in the country at present; and

(d) the details of the funds required for completion of these projects and funds earmarked and released during the current financial year to these projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A Statement showing State-wise number of Major and medium irrigation projects under construction in the country at present, their latest estimated cost; spill over cost in the Ninth Plan, Plan outlay earmarked for major and medium projects in the year 1999-2000 and amount of Central Loan Assistance released to States under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) during 1999-2000 is annexed. *[Sec* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 121]

Allocation of Funds for irrigation schemes in Assam

4710. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by Government forirrigation schemes and programmes for the States of NER particularly in Assam during the last three years and till date, year-wise/scheme-wise;

(b) the details of amount actually spent for the same by the State Government of Assam during this period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d)